

HOUSE BILL 927
By Tidwell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54,
Chapter 5, Part 3, relative to entrances onto
highways.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 54-5-301, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding a new subsection thereto, as follows:

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the construction of an unauthorized entrance into a highway in the state of is an offense punishable as a Class B misdemeanor punishable by a fine only of five hundred dollars (\$500). If such entrance violates any rule or regulation of the department, the owner of such entrance shall have thirty (30) days to comply with all applicable rules and regulations. The department may impose a penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100) for failure to comply with all applicable rules and regulations within thirty (30) days. Each day an entrance is in violation of this subsection after such thirty-day period shall be considered a separate offense. The owner of an unauthorized entrance shall be civilly liable for any injuries proximately caused by such entrance.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.